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SUBJECT: ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM (AIF) SPONSORED
VISIT TO SDVIET NUCLEAR FACILITIES BY US
JOURNALISTS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 17403, (B) STATE 194321

1. ON AUGUST 8 PUSTYNTSEV OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR
ATOMIC ENERGY (SCAE) PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH FORMAL
REPLY TO AIF TELEX OF JULY 21, IN THE FORM OF A
PUSTYNTSEV TO SCICOUNS LETTER. THE MAIN POINTS IN
THE LETTER ARE:

1) ONLY TWO OF THE PLACES AIF WISHES TO VISIT ARE
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF SCAE, OBNINSK AND SHEVCHENKO.

2) IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT SHEVCHENKO THIS YEAR.
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3) AGREEMENT TO VISIT THE OTHER SITES MUST BE OBTAINED
FROM THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION (MPE).

4) SCAE STIRG HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION

FROM INTOEDIST THAT INTOURIST HAS AGREED TO ORGANIZE

THE JOURNALISTS' TRIP. UPON RECEIVING SUCH NOTIFICATION, TOGETHER WITH A POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT, SCAE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXTEND ITS AGREEMENT TO VISIT SCAE INSTALLATIONS IN MOSCOW AND OBNINSK.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF PUSTYNTSEV MADE IT CLEAR THAT SCAE IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AIF TRIP, AND THAT SCAE WILL NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. HE MENTIONED A PREVIOUS TRIP OF JAPANESE JOURNALISTS IN WHICH CASE SCAE HAD RECEIVED IN ADVANCE ALL ARTICLES WRITTEN BY THE JOURNALISTS ON ATOMIC ENERGY SUBJECTS FOR THE PRECEEDING YEAR. THIS HE CLAIMED HAD WHETTED THE APPETITE OF THE LAB DIRECTORS TO RECEIVE THE JAPANESE AND ARRANGE A SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THIS CASE ALL SCAE HAD WAS A LIST OF NAMES.

3. EMBOFF CHECKED WITH MAL'TSEV OF MPE. MPE ALSO HAS HAD NO FORMAL REQUEST FROM INTOURIST FOR VISITS TO MPE FACILITIES, ALTHOUGH MAL'TSEV HAD HEARD OF THE TRIP INFORMALLY FROM PUSTYNTSEV. MAL'TSEV WOULD NOT PREDICT MPE RESPONSE TO SUCH A REQUEST.

4. EMBOFF INFORMED NANCY GALLI OF US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, WHO HAS BEEN AIF CONTACT IN MOSCOW, OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE. GALLI WAS UNAWARE
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OF NEW PROPOSED AIF ITINERARY (REFTEL B). SHE WILL CONTACT INTOURIST AND ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VISIT.

5. PLEASE INFORM AIF OF THE ABOVE. YOU MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT PAST "TECHNICAL" PROGRAMS ARRANGED THROUGH INTOURIST HAVE OFTEN BEEN SUPERFICIAL AND NON-SUBSTANSIVE. TOON

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